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Unemployment Rate Confronting Post 9/11 Veterans in Los Angeles County

Recent reports issued by the U.S. Department of Labor indicate that the unemployment rate endured by younger veterans who served their country after September 11, 2001 continues to display the labor market volatility impacting job seekers from other backgrounds. Recent reports also suggest veterans continue to suffer higher year end unemployment for younger post 9-11 veterans. The veteran group between the ages of 18 and 24 continues to post a much higher unemployment rate approximating 20 percent. This rate of unemployment is expected to increase substantially as U.S. troops stationed in Afghanistan exit by 2014.

The private sector at the national level has responded to the challenges faced by post 9-11 veterans by working aggressively to hire and train former service members for long-term success, particularly in the areas of the economy that are showing the greatest rate of hiring: construction, trade, transportation and warehousing.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and the County Workforce Investment Board report back in 14 days on the unemployment rate confronting veterans in Los Angeles County.